Schemes for farmers by State bank of India

5991. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched a number of programmes and schemes through the State Bank of India for the benefit of farmers in the country particularly in the State of Punjab for the year 1995-96;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total number of farmers benefited from the said schemes during the last two years in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) All public sector banks including the State Bank of India provide loans for the farmers in the country through various schemes formulated by the Central and State Governments. Banks also provide loans under schemes framed by the banks themselves to provide benefits for the farmers. State Bank of India has formulated credit plan for the State of Punjab for the year 1995-96 The details of the same are given below:

(Rs. crores)

Name of the scheme/programme	Loan proposed to be disbursed
Crop Loan	31.00
Tractors & Other agricultural implements	86.40
Minor Irrigation	0.12
I.R.D.P.	1.50
Poultry	2.50
Others	3.83
TOTAL:	125.35

(c) The number of farmers benefited from the various schemes during the last two years in Punjab is given below:

(Rs. Crores)

Name of the Scheme/programme	1993-94		1994-95	
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
Crop Loan	3050	27.00	3230	29.00
Tractors & Agri. implements	4081	59.93	5232	75.25
Minor Irrigation	65	0.09	70	10.00
IRDP	2320	1.80	2105	1.60
Poultry	8	0.09	55	1.15
Others	124	1.58	212	2.24
TOTAL :	9648	90.40	10904	119.24